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TO: File

FROM: Paul Baker, Senior Reclamation Biologist

SUBJECT: File Closure, Roger Mahoney, Roberts Bottom Placer Operation, S/019/036, Grand County, Utah

Today, I spoke with Denise Swanke of the Moab Office of the Bureau of Land Management about this site. Tony Gallegos inspected the site on March 20, 2001, and his inspection report says:

Opened up additional area (1 acre). No reclamation. Work was done, but no stone removed. In conclusion, there are some minor disturbances remaining at the site that should have been reclaimed; however, there are no significant safety or environmental hazards present. The Division will need to take the next steps to close out the small mine notice for this abandoned site.

The Division has been unsuccessful in trying to contact the operator, and there has been no correspondence from the operator since 1996. Permit fees have never been paid, and there are no annual reports on file.

Ms. Swanke said the Bureau of Land Management is planning to close their file on the site. The BLM did a prescribed burn at the site and in adjacent areas, and the area has been seeded. She said there is an old engine block still remaining but that the BLM intends to remove it. She would like to see some of the piles leveled out, but they are causing no real harm.

Because the site appears to be abandoned, the Division does not know how to contact the operator, there are no particular environmental or safety concerns, and because the BLM has been doing revegetation work, the Division will close this file.

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C.C. Denise Swanke, BLM.